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Title: INFORMATION CODING APPARATUS,  
INFORMATION DECODING APPARATUS,  
AND METHOD AND PROGRAM FOR THE  
SAME

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**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Sir:

Prior to examination of the present application, please consider the following:

**Amendments to the Specification** begin on page 2 of this paper.

**Listing of the Claims** begins on page 10 of this paper.

**Remarks** begin on page 28 of this paper.